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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR DEVICE
ACCESS FAIRNESS IN FIBRE CHANNEL
ARBITRATED LOOP SYSTEMS

Examiner: Venkatesh N. Haliyur

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the final Office Action dated March 4, 2009, for which a response is due on June 4, 2009. This response is filed within two months of the issuance of the final Office Action and therefore qualifies for expedited review. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

There are no amendments to the specification and drawings.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.